

1 **2020 RES-200**

2 **CHANGING THE SIZE OF THE DANE COUNTY BOARD AND DIRECTING THE**
3 **REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO DRAW PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT MAPS**
4 **ACCORDING TO THE NEW BOARD SIZE**

5 Federal and state law mandate that every 10 years, after the federal census has been
6 completed, governments are required to go through the redistricting process. This process is
7 beginning now due to the 2020 U.S. census.

8 Under Wisconsin Statute 59.10, county governments in Wisconsin are required to redistrict
9 following the federal decennial census (“decennial redistricting”). At the beginning of the
10 decennial redistricting process, counties must first determine the size of the county board and
11 appoint a redistricting commission to draw maps reflecting the selected county board size and
12 corresponding districts.

13 Size ranges for counties are determined according to population and are governed by
14 Wisconsin Statute 59.10. Reducing the size of the county board does nothing to reduce the
15 statutory and constitutional mandates that are placed on counties.

16 The county is required to adopt a tentative county supervisory plan within *sixty (60) days* after
17 the results of the federal census become available from the federal government or are published
18 by a state agency, but no later than July 1, 2021. This process includes the development of a
19 proposed county supervisory district plan establishing the number of supervisory districts
20 proposed by the board with tentative boundaries for each district and the holding of a public
21 hearing on the proposed plan.

22 The Executive Committee of the Dane County Board sought public engagement and input over
23 the summer regarding the question of whether the size of the Dane County Board should
24 change for purposes of the next redistricting.

25 Based on public input and an analysis of issues related to continuing effective representation,
26 diversity of representation, access to opportunities for all residents of Dane County to run for
27 local office, committee structure, and relative costs to the County Board, the Executive
28 Committee determined that a slight reduction in board size from 37 supervisors/supervisory
29 districts to 35 supervisors/supervisory districts would maintain the Dane County Board’s high
30 standard for effective representation of residents.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors endorses
32 changing the size of the county board from 37 supervisors/supervisory districts to 35
33 supervisors/supervisory districts for the 2021 decennial redistricting.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors
35 directs the 2021 Redistricting Commission to conduct the 2021 redistricting process, including
36 drawing the proposed Dane County Board district maps, based on a County Board size of 35
37 supervisors/supervisory districts.